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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: DeSimone et al.

Serial No.: 09/641,815

Filed: August 18, 2000

For: CARBON DIOXIDE-SOLUBLE POLYMERS AND SWELLABLE POLYMERS  
FOR CARBON DIOXIDE APPLICATIONS

Examiner: N. Preisch

Group Art Unit: 1764

December 18, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 26, 2002, which states that "the reply filed on 9-16-02 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants' response should point to support in the specification of amendments made." Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the claims are fully supported by the specification. Examples of citations to such support are listed below.

Specifically, support for amendments to Claim 1 is described at page 6, lines 12-18 and/or in originally filed Claim 10, among other places.

Support for new Claim 49 is described at page 6, line 27 to page 7, line 27, among other places.

Support for new Claim 50 is described at page 4, lines 24-31, page 6, lines 18-26, and/or in originally filed Claim 14, for example.

Support for new Claims 51-53 is described at page 4, line 32 to page 5, line 17 and/or in originally filed Claims 2-4, among other places.

Support for new Claim 54 is described at page 13, line 31 to page 14, line 5 and/or in originally filed Claim 5, among other places.

Support for new Claims 55 and 56 is described at page 10, lines 15-26 and/or in originally filed Claims 6 and 7, among other places.

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Support for new Claims 57 and 58 is described at page 10, line 27 to page 11, line 5 and/or in originally filed Claims 8 and 9, for example.

Support for new Claim 59 is described at page 9, line 18 to page 10, line 3 and/or in originally filed Claim 15, among other places.

Support for new Claims 60 and 61 is described at page 6, line 12 to page 10, line 14 and/or in originally filed Claims 16 and 17, for example.

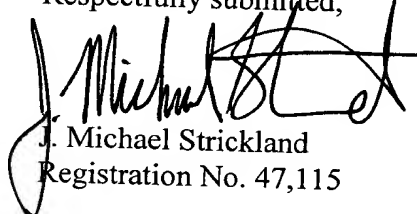
Support for new Claim 62 is described at page 11, line 30-32 and/or in originally filed Claim 18, among other places.

Support for new Claim 63 is described at page 11, line 32 to page 12, line 23 and/or in originally filed Claim 19, for example.

Support for new Claim 64 is described at page 13, line 19-27 and/or in originally filed Claim 20, for example.

The concerns of the Examiner addressed, Applicants respectfully request that the outstanding rejections be withdrawn and that a Notice of Allowance be issued forthwith. Any questions regarding the foregoing can be directed to the undersigned, who may be reached at (919) 854-1400.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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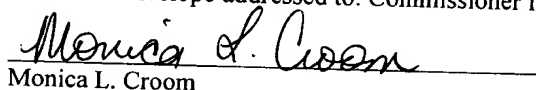


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